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S I R:

Election Responsive to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 26, 2002 (Paper No. 4), which set a period for response to expire on August 26, 2002 that period being extended one month to expire on September 26, 2002, the applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-13 which correspond to the species illustrated in Figures 1-14. Since claim 9 is generic, the non-elected claims should be rejoined in the event that claim 9 is allowed.


Traversal:

The Restriction Requirement is not proper because the Examiner has not shown a serious burden, such as a separate classification, separate status in the art, or

separate field of search as required (See MPEP 803).  
Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement should be  
withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

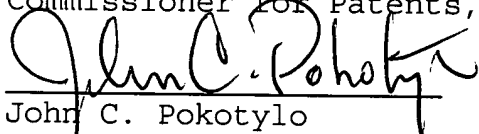
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